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Austin Federal Stimulus Update

April 30, 2009



Stimulus Objectives

- Secure ARRA funding to invest in Austin's people, services & infrastructure
- Leverage existing programs and regional partnerships
- Public involvement processes that draw on the expertise and advice of the Austin community
- Deliver on implementing any stimulus funding with full transparency and achievement of stated goals



Outline

- Overview of ARRA
- City's Stimulus Program Areas
- Outreach & Communication



ARRA Summary

- American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)
 - \$787 billion program February 17th, 2009
 - Over 200 spending programs
 - both existing and new programs
 - Funding available in various forms:
 - Formula Allocations
 - Competitive Grants
 - Directly from Federal Government
 - Pass-thru from State
 - Many different timelines, structures, and guidelines
 - Very fluid, often undefined
 - Not one single City stimulus program, various components
 - High level of transparency and accountability



City's Stimulus Program Areas

- 26 Different Programs across 10 Federal Agencies have or could provide *direct* funding opportunities for the City of Austin
 - Infrastructure
 - Energy
 - Public Safety
 - Community Services
- City of Austin has received \$13.9 million in formula awarded ARRA funds
- City of Austin has applied for \$34.2 million in ARRA competitive grants



City's Stimulus Program Areas

Infrastructure

Department of Agriculture (1 program)

- AWU has identified preserve land management projects that could access funds
- No guidelines / timelines
- Highly competitive

Bureau of Reclamation (1 program)

- AWU has identified 3 programs that could be eligible -
 - low income efficiency leak program, direct-install toilets, sub-surface leak detection
- May 19th grant deadline



City's Stimulus Program Areas

Infrastructure

Environmental Protection Agency (3 programs)

- AWU has 38 clean water and drinking water projects that may be eligible for TWDB no-interest loans or grants
 - TWDB determination will be in May & June
- Brownfields program
 - 2 prior grant applications could access funding

Department of Transportation (4 programs)

- Aviation may receive up to \$9 million from FAA to help fund the Remain Overnight Apron project
- Awaiting CAMPO allocation of its share of State's \$2.3 billion in transportation funding
 - City submitted 6 projects in January, expect \$8-\$10 million
- \$1.5 billion Competitive grant program for transportation
- May be able access \$8 billion Rail program for infrastructure at TODs



City's Stimulus Program Areas

Energy

Department of Energy (6 programs) & EPA (1 program)

- City has received \$7.5 million in EECBG funds
 - allocate to City facility energy improvements
- \$400 million competitive EECGB program
 - will look to enhance existing energy efficiency programs for AE customers
 - no guidelines / timelines
- \$4.5 billion in Smart Grid
- \$5 billion in Weatherization
 - awaiting State guidelines / timelines
- \$600 million for Diesel Reduction & Alternative Fuel
 - applied for \$11.8 million EPA grant for vehicles
 - DOE Grant (infrastructure & vehicles) deadline is May 29th
 - Public forum has already occurred to discuss new infrastructure and collaborations on alternative fuels
 - Governmental & Private Entities
 - still assessing options



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Input from April 24th Forum on Alternative Fuel



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Public Safety

Department of Justice (4 programs)

- Applied for 50 new police officers as part of COPS program
- Use \$1.4 million Byrne Justice Assistance Grants for COPS one-time costs
- Applied for \$1.6 million in Southern Border Narcotics grants
- Applied for \$7.0 million in grants for communications, violent crime, forensics
- Applied for \$0.8 million to enhance Austin Recovery Program
 - funding for additional housing allowances for clients who complete treatment, and case workers

Department of Homeland Security (1 program)

- Fire station Women's Locker Rooms could be eligible for \$225 million program
 - no guidelines / timelines
 - highly competitive



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Community Services

Department of Agriculture (1 program)

- \$500 million in WIC grants will be made available, pass thru from State
 - no guidelines / timelines

Department of Health & Human Services (1 program)

- \$1 billion will be available for immunizations / disease prevention
 - no guidelines / timelines

Department of Housing & Urban Development (2 programs)

- City has received \$3.0 million for HPRP
- City has received \$2.0 million for CDBG
 - public process to program these funds is on-going
 - May 14th Council action

National Endowment for the Arts (1 program)

- City has applied for a \$250,000 grant



Outreach & Coordination

- Public Processes already underway ...
 - Allocation of Homelessness Prevention and Rapid-Re Housing Program funds
 - Allocation of CDBG Program funds
 - Alternative Fuel opportunities
- Coordination
 - Intergovernmental Executive Stimulus Team
 - key focus on transportation coordination & aligning infrastructure/energy projects with workforce development
 - will create staff level working groups on specific areas such as energy
 - will provide reports to Joint Subcommittee
- Stakeholder Stimulus Information Meeting week of May 18th
 - Focus on social service providers / workforce development



Next Steps

- Continued assessment of programs
- Monitoring of grant opportunities
- Working on grant applications
- Working with federal lobby team and delegation
- May Stimulus Information Forum
- Continued updates to City Council

More information, including detail lists of programs & projects available at:

www.cityofaustin.org/stimulus



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
 Summary of Potential Programs for City of Austin Eligibility
 as of April 30th, 2009
 City could/would receive funding
 City would partner - but not receive funds

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Department of Agriculture												
www.usda.gov/recovery												
Wildland Fire Management	\$500 million	To provide funding for hazardous fuels reduction, forest health protection, rehabilitaiton and hazard mitigation activ ities on Federal land including hazardous fuel reduction, forest health and ecosystem improv emetns	Grants	unknown	Sates, local	Infrastructure	AWU	see AWU list				
Nutrition Program f or Women, Infants & Children (WIC)	\$500 million	To provide additional funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program	Grants	unknown	Local	Human Services	HHSD		pass-thru from State			

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Department of Energy												
www.energy.gov/recovery												
EERE: Weatherization Assistance	\$5 billion	Eligibility expanded from 150% percent of poverty to 200% of poverty; maximum assistance increased from \$2,500/household to \$5,000/household	Formula	unknown	States (sub-allocated to local action agencies)	Energy	AE					
EERE: Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)	\$2.7 billion	Newly authorized program not previously funded; flexible formula grants to states, counties and cities for energy efficiency and conservation projects; \$400 million set aside for competitive grants	Formula	6/25/2009	States, locals	Energy	AE	City facilities		7,492,700		
EERE: Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)	\$0.4 billion	Newly authorized program not previously funded; flexible formula grants to states, counties and cities for energy efficiency and conservation projects; \$400 million set aside for competitive grants	Grants	unknown	States, locals	Energy	AE					
EERE: Advanced Battery Manufacturing Grants	\$2 billion	To support manufacturing advanced vehicle batteries & components	Grants	unknown	Manufacturers & Others	Energy	AE				City not lead, will partner	
EERE: Transportation Electrification	\$400 million		Grants	5/13/2009		Energy	AE				City not lead, will partner	
EERE: Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program	\$300 million	reducing home energy use	Grants	unknown	States, locals	Energy	AE					
EERE: Alternate Fuel-Vehicles Pilot Program	\$300 million	will support efforts to add electric technologies to vehicles	Grants	5/29/2009	States, locals	Energy	Fleet					
Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (EDER) - Smart Grid	\$4.5 billion	Competitive grants; 50-50 cost share; \$100 million set aside for worker training; \$80 million set aside for DOE analysis and assessment of future transmission and demand requirements	Various	unknown	Utilities, including municipal utilities	Energy	AE					

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<u>Environmental Protection Agency</u>												
www.epa.gov/recovery												
Clean Water SRLF	\$4 billion	Waives match; States must use 50% of their allocation for negative interest loans, loan forgiveness or grants to municipalities; Notwithstanding state ranking system, funds to projects that can be under contract within 12 months; Funds must be obligated to projects within 12 months or will be reallocated	Grants & Loans	closed	States	Infrastructure	AWU	see AWU list	awaiting TWDB approval			
Drinking Water SRLF	\$2 billion	Waives match; States must use 50% of their allocation for negative interest loans, loan forgiveness or grants to municipalities; Notwithstanding state ranking system, funds to projects that can be under contract within 12 months; Funds must be obligated to projects within 12 months or will be reallocated	Grants & Loans	closed	States	Infrastructure	AWU	see AWU list	awaiting TWDB approval			
Brownfields	\$100 million	Waives match for these funds	Grants	closed	States, locals	Infrastructure			• \$200k for brownfields assessment • \$200k for underground storage tank assessment			
Diesel Emission Reduction Grants	\$300 million	Competitive; local governments eligible (new program authorized by Sections 791-797 of Energy Policy Act of 2005 - PL 109-58); Waives match for these funds	Grants	4/28/2009	States, locals	Energy	Fleet	Vehicle Replacements			11,800,000	
<u>Department of Health & Human Services</u>												
www.hhs.gov/recovery												
Prevention & Wellness Fund	\$1 billion	\$300 million for CDC immunization; \$650 million to "carry out evidence-based, clinic-based and community-based wellness and prevention strategies activities authorized by the Public Health Service Act"		unknown	States, locals	Community Services	HHSD					

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<u>Department of Homeland Security</u>													
<u>www.dhs.gov/recovery</u>													
Firefighter Assistance Grants	\$210 million	For construction, modification or upgrading of fire stations; No grant may exceed \$15 million	Grants	unknown	States, locals	Public Safety	Fire						
<u>Department of Housing & Urban Development</u>													
<u>www.hud.gov/recovery</u>													
CDBG	\$1 billion	Distributed using the same formula as FY 2008; No new action plan needed; Award contracts within 120 days; Funds available through 9/30/2010; HUD must create requirements and may waive some requirements to expedite the use of these funds	Formula	5/18/2009	States, locals	Community Services	NHCD	TBD		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stakeholder process underway• CDC involvement• Call for projects	2,003,003		
Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Pro	\$1.5 billion	Funds available through 9/30/2011; Grantees must expend 60% of funds within 2 years of obligation and 100 within 3 years of obligation; HUD may waive some requirements to expedite the use of these funds;	Formula	5/18/2009	States, locals	Community Services	HHSD	TBD		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stakeholder process underway• CDC involvement	3,062,820		
<u>Department of the Interior</u>													
<u>www.doi.gov/recovery</u>													
Bureau of Reclamation: Reclamation Projects	\$1 billion	Only \$40 million up for competitive grants - for Conservation efforts	Grants	5/19/2009	BuRec, states, locals	Infrastructure	AWU	see AWU list					

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<u>Department of Justice</u>												
www.usdoj.gov/recovery												
Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (Formula)	\$2 billion	Flexible funding for law enforcement needs distributed according to population and violent crime	Formula	5/18/2009	States, locals	Public Safety	APD	one-time cost for COPS grant	application at DOJ	1,400,000		
Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (Competitive)	\$225 million	Flexible funding for law enforcement needs distributed according to population and violent crime	Grants	4/27/2009	States, locals	Public Safety	APD	see APD memo: • \$3.9 m for communications • \$1.2 m for violent crime • \$1.9 m for forensics • \$0.8 m for treatment programs	application at DOJ		7,850,000	
COPS Hiring Grants	\$1 billion	The bill waives the local match (100% federal share) and waives \$75,000 per officer cap for ARRA funds and all funds appropriated for COPS Hiring Grants in FY 2009 & FY 2010	Grants	4/14/2009	Locals	Public Safety	APD	50 officers	application at DOJ		3,775,000	
Southern Border State Narcotics Program	\$30 million	Address narcotics related activity along southern border	Grants	4/17/2009	Locals	Public Safety	APD	see APD memo: • \$1.6 m for prevention	application at DOJ		1,600,000	
<u>National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)</u>												
www.nea.gov/recovery												
NEA Grants	\$50 million	Purpose is to preserve jobs in the nonprofit arts sector threatened by declines in philanthropic support; 40% distributed to state art agencies by formula; 60% for competitive art projects and activities; matching requirements waived; funds cannot be used for Youth Opportunity Grants	Formula & Competitive		States, art agencies	Community Services	EGRSO	TBD	application at NEA		250,000	

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www.dot.gov/recovery													
Airport Improvement Program	\$1.1 billion	Entire appropriation for discretionary grants; Funds available through 9/30/2010; Priority to projects that can be completed within 2 years; DOT must award 50% of funds within 120 days; 100% federal share (no match)	Competitive		Airport operators	Infrastructure	Aviation	RON Apron		application at FAA		9,000,000	
Competitive Grants for Transportation	\$1.5 billion	Road, bridge, transit projects eligible; Minimum grant \$20 million, maximum grant \$300 million; DOT may use up to \$200 million for secured loans, lines of credit and State Infrastructure Banks; DOT may waive minimum grant size of \$20 million for the purpose of funding significant projects in smaller cities, regions or states; No single state may receive more than 20% of funds; 100% federal share (no match); DOT must publish grant criteria within 90 days of enactment; Applications must be due within 180 days of receipt and must give priority to projects located in EDA-eligible areas and to projects that can be completed within 3 years; 30% must be sub-allocated to local governments (120 day obligation deadline does not apply to	Competitive	unknown	State, local	Infrastructure	PW, Transp	TBD					
Federal-Aid Highway s	\$27.5 billion	Funds apportioned 21 days after enactment; After set asides for Indian roads, federal land highways, etc., 50% allocated to the states via STP formula; remaining 50% allocated to the states via other state highway apportionment formulas; States must obligate funds within 120 days of receipt and must give priority to projects located in EDA-eligible areas and to projects that can be completed within 3 years; 30% must be sub-allocated to local governments (120 day obligation deadline does not apply to	Formula	closed	States, with some sub-allocation	Infrastructure	PW	6 projects on CAMPO TIP		awaiting CAMPO			

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High Speed Rail Corridor	\$8 billion			Grants		States, with some sub-allocation	Infrastructure	NPZD	TODs ??				